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SUMMARY: INTER-PARTY DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DEC 23 WHEN THE UDP, PCP, PS, PSD, AND CDS MUST PRESENT THEIR POSITIONS TO PRESIDENT EANES. THE OPTIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO TWO: EITHER A PS/CDS UNDERSTANDING OR ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

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1. BILATERALS CONTINUE: THE COMMUNISTS AND THE PSD WILL MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE SOCIALIST TEAM OF JORGE CAMPINOS, JAIME GAMA, AND ANTONIO REIS AGAIN TODAY, DEC 21. THERE IS NO PS-CDS SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK, BUT FURTHER MEETINGS ARE NOT PRECLUDED

2. SOARES GOVERNMENT AT A STANDSTILL: PRIME MINISTER

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SOARES HAS RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE AT NAFARROS AND
CABINET ACTIVITIES HAVE GROUND TO A VIRTUAL HALT. THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REPORTEDLY HAS NO PLAN TO RECONVENE
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. THE PRESIDENCY: PRESIDENT EANES CONTINUED TO EXAMINE
THE PARTY POSITION PAPERS PRESENTED LAST WEEK IN ANTICIPATION
OF INDIVIDUAL PARTY REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE INTER-
PARTY DISCUSSIONS DUE AT BELEM DEC 23.

4. PARTY POSITIONS: DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS
AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE LOST SOME OF THEIR SPARKLE.
CDS LEADER FREITAS DO AMARAL HAS NOW ADOPTED A "WAIT AND
SEE" POSTURE. AFTER A LUNCHEON MEETING WITH SOARES DEC 20,
AMARAL NOTED THAT THE CDS WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANOTHER GOVERNMENT
OF SOCIALISTS PLUS INDEPENDENTS. THE PS-PSD TALKS SCHEDULED
FOR TODAY MAY BE LARGELY COSMETIC. THE PCP IS WAITING
PATIENTLY (AND IN VAIN) FOR THE SOCIALISTS TO CONCLUDE
THAT A LEFT COALITION IS THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE CURRENT
IMPASSE.

5. COMMENT: THE LINES HAVE BEEN DRAWN AND THE OPTIONS
APEAR TO HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO TWO: EITHER A PS-CDS
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